



# St Aloysius' College

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



## OUR ETHOS

# Our Sixth Form presents you with a unique opportunity to further your studies in a first-class learning environment.

The Sixth Form is a distinct group of students that forms an extension of our successful school and tradition of 'Achieving Excellence with Care'. St Aloysius' College students and staff work together to ensure that every student fulfils their potential. Attention to personal development and outstanding academic achievement enables our students to progress to higher education and successful future careers.

As a Sixth Form student you will work in partnership with your teachers, and develop relationships with your tutors that are supportive and based on mutual respect. Learning in smaller classes, you will be encouraged to read beyond the curriculum, to work and think independently, and to be self disciplined in your studies essential skills for university and beyond. We have highly committed, dedicated teaching staff that love their subjects and will work hard for you. We assume you will want to work hard for yourself. The atmosphere of the Sixth Form is formal and mature with greater independence for students to take responsibility for their own learning.

There is an expectation that Sixth Form students maintain high standards of attendance, punctuality, behaviour, appearance and dedication to study, acting as positive role models for the lower school boys. Students in our Sixth Form are encouraged to grow their mindset. This is done through a weekly programme of form time sessions on a variety of activities for developing student commitment, motivation and productivity. In addition to this, students play an active and leading role in our comprehensive Common Good programme, as well as our numerous liturgical opportunities. As a Catholic community we respect all faith traditions, and support all members of our community in their faith journey.

## WELCOME

We look forward to welcoming our new students in September. Every student who comes to St Aloysius' College can expect a warm welcome from the Sixth Form Team, the staff and other students.

The fantastic atmosphere and happy, supportive environment are two of the key factors that make this Sixth Form so well loved by students and staff alike. We constantly strive to help our students develop into young adults who are well adjusted, well educated, and who are positive role models in the school and local community. We have an excellent Higher Education record with the vast majority of students going to university, including top Russell Group institutions. We promote an aspirational attitude in the students, helping them to achieve their goals.

**MS R. PABILA, HEAD OF SIXTH FORM**







## THE SIXTH FORM

Our academic programmes prepare students effectively for top universities and careers, focusing on providing depth as well as breadth. As students you will benefit from the use of a dedicated common room area, which includes space for independent learning and private study. As a Sixth Form student you will be expected to follow a professional dress code that sets an example to others. You will be encouraged to take up positions of responsibility within the whole school community and develop your leadership skills.

Independence and responsibility go hand in hand. In choosing to attend this Sixth Form, we insist you are committed, enthusiastic, mature and cooperative. The positive relationship between students, teachers and parents is essential as we support you to flourish in your studies and extra curricular interests.

### Academic Life

The Sixth Form offers a wide range of academic A Level courses. We also offer a range of Level 3 vocational courses. In addition to a wide range of subjects on offer in the Sixth Form there are opportunities for you to be involved in exciting and challenging activities outside the classroom. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the proximity of the School to central London and the easy access to cultural enrichment offered by world class institutions. In the Sixth Form, your personal and social progress as students is crucial to the success of future UCAS (the UK central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to Higher Education) applications. The Sixth Form will provide you with a platform to demonstrate your skills and achievements, and to develop as well rounded young adults.

### Course Choice and Structure

Students who choose the academic A Level route will typically study three subjects. They should choose these carefully and consider their future aspirations, academic strengths from their GCSE qualifications and which subjects interest them most. The combination of A Level subjects is also important; applicants will be invited to attend a consultation meeting with staff during the spring term to offer advice and guidance. Typically, students would complete Year 12 and 13 with three A Levels. Some high achieving students will be able to complete four A Levels depending on academic achievement.

Students who prefer to follow a more vocation route will embark on a level three BTEC course. This course will be assessed through coursework assignments and exams throughout the two years and lead to final qualifications that will each be equivalent to three A Levels. Subject leaders will be pleased to discuss options with you.

## Support and Guidance

There is a strong pastoral system of support with smaller tutor groups. This helps students to prepare for university life by learning how to study independently and use time effectively. Every student will be part of a Form group. Experienced and committed tutors will help students with every aspect of their development, both pastoral and academic. Form time is spent discussing current affairs, study skills, higher education research and talking to the Form teacher about any issues arising from their studies. The daily contact between students and tutors ensures close communication and attention to their learning needs at all times.

### What can you expect from us?

- High quality learning opportunities in which subject expertise is delivered in an innovative and exciting way
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- A strong pastoral support programme to help guide you through Sixth Form beyond
- A wide ranging enrichment programme to broaden your experience
- Guidance and support as you choose university courses consider your career choices
- Academic mentoring and tracking to ensure steady and impressive progress
- Support from a growing alumni network of old St Aloysius' College boys and girls

### What do we expect from you?

- A mature and responsible approach to life in the Sixth Form
- A full and engaged approach to study
- To develop into self motivated, thoughtful, independent learners
- To act as role models for the rest of the school
- To listen to others and respect their point of view
- To treat other students, staff and external visitors with respect and consideration
- To treat the building and equipment with respect
- Adherence to our rules and regulations
- To act as role models for the rest of the school

“I wasn't too nervous because I know how hard I've worked for this, but I am relieved all the same and delighted to get such great results. I got A\*A\*A and I'm going to study politics at Leeds. No.10 here I come!

WILLIAM GHEBREMICHAEL





## CAREERS

The Careers Department offers information, advice and assistance, not only on a selection of universities and potential courses, but also on apprenticeships and school leaver's schemes. Careers staff work with students one to one to identify their skill set, build a robust CV, complete applications for internships and plan work experience. Sessions are delivered on Student Finance, Scholarships and Bursaries, along with information on studying abroad and gap year opportunities. Regular themed careers events are on offer and students can arrange top up career profiling, mock interviews and make use of the extensive careers resources.

### Higher Education Preparation

This starts early in Year 12 with talks on Higher Education, an introduction to the university application website (UCAS), and visits to universities and higher education fairs. At the end of Year 12, armed with further advice on writing personal statements and student finance, our Sixth Formers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to make considered and informed decisions on their post A level career. Most students apply to university or specialist further education courses (such as Music or Art) at the beginning of Year 13. There is a comprehensive range of advice available to guide students through this process. An experienced Sixth Form team will support students with their Personal Statements and UCAS applications.

Students applying to universities such as Oxbridge, which require UKCATS, LNAT, BMAT admissions tests and interviews, receive specialist training and support, both from the Sixth Form team and our academic departments. With intense competition for university places, we ensure that in Year 13 our students make wise choices and submit the very best applications. Students embark on a one week of work experience placement in the summer term of year 12. Students are challenged to show independence through the 'self find' system for placements, supported by their tutor and teacher responsible for work experience. Students will be prepared for the challenges of higher education admissions, competitive employment, and apprenticeship opportunities through mock interviews. St Aloysius' College Sixth Form is grateful to its network of expert professionals from a range of industries who have committed to supporting our students.

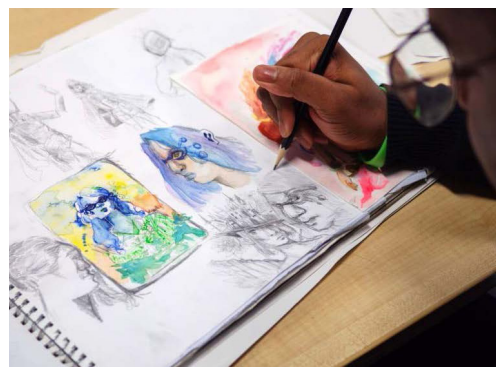
“Our students have shown extraordinary dedication and resilience through these unprecedented times. Some 37% have secured places at Russell Group Universities, well above the national average, enabling them to access fantastic opportunities. St Aloysius' College has been a place of welcome and belonging for the students for seven years, and looks forward to celebrating their future achievements in further education and future careers.

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM, RANJIT PABILA



“I felt relieved this morning when I opened the envelope. I got A\*AB and I’m going to study Biochemistry at King’s College London. I’m so grateful to my teachers for their love, support and dedication.

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## DESTINATIONS

As a Sixth Form we work hard to ensure that all students maximise both their academic outcomes and enrichment opportunities. Whatever your aspirations may be, the entire Sixth Form team will work with you to ensure you undertake relevant enrichment experiences, helping you build strong foundations from which to secure excellent post 18 options.

### 2020 Leavers - Where are they now?

Aston University, Birmingham	Cyber Security
City, University of London	Optometry
King’s College London, University of London	Biochemistry
King’s College London, University of London	Business Management with Year in Industry
Loughborough university	Construction Engineering
Queen Mary University of London	Accounting and Finance
University of Birmingham	Civil Engineering
University of Bradford	Film and Visual Effects Technology (with a placement year)
University of Kent	Business and Management with a year in Industry
University of Kent	Business and Management with a year in Industry
University of Kent	Computer Science (Cyber Security) with a Year in Industry
University of Kent	Media
University of Kent	Finance
University of Leeds	Politics
University of Leeds	Social Policy and Crime
University of Liverpool	Economics
University of Nottingham	Genetics
University of Reading	Business & Management (Marketing) with placement year
University of Surrey	Business Management
University of Surrey	Accounting and Finance
University of Westminster, London	Sociology and Criminology

91%

21 out of 23  
confirmed places  
for university

33%

7 out of 21  
students  
confirmed for  
Russell Group  
Universities

ABOVE  
NATIONAL  
AVERAGE





## ENRICHMENT

The results of your formal public examinations are critical to your success. We never lose sight of this. However, we want students to leave St Aloysius' College Sixth Form with more than just a set of outstanding academic results. We place a high priority as a Catholic School on the rounded development of each individual, through exposure to extra curricular activities and experiences.

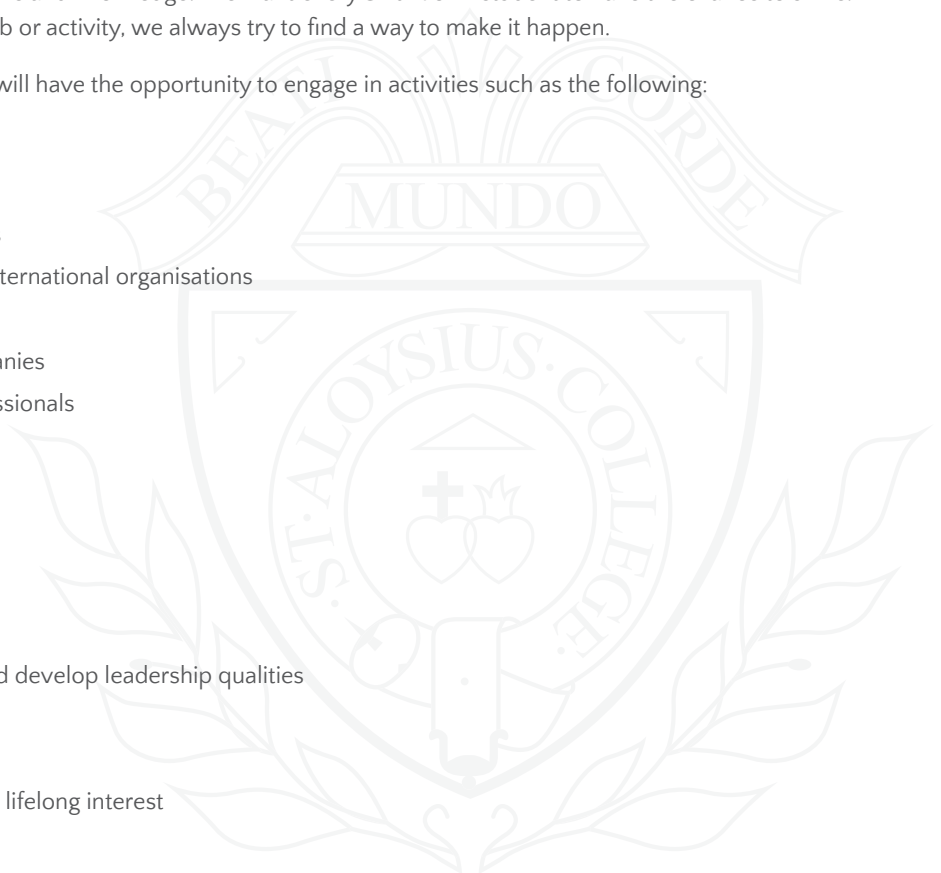
Increasingly, employers and universities are seeking more than GCSEs and A levels. They are looking for enthusiastic young people who can demonstrate a wide range of skills and knowledge. We want every Sixth Form student to have the chance to shine. Whenever there is demand for a new club or activity, we always try to find a way to make it happen.

St Aloysius' College Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to engage in activities such as the following:

- Sports teams
- Outdoor adventurous activities
- Music performances and productions
- Charity work for local, national and international organisations
- Student mentoring programmes
- Industry experience with local companies
- Lectures from industry specific professionals

Through these activities students can:

- Explore new skills and interests
- Become more self sufficient
- Realise their creative potential
- Take responsibility, show initiative and develop leadership qualities
- Show good communication skills
- Contribute to the community
- Discover a hidden talent or develop a lifelong interest





## STUDENT LIFE

### Independent Study

The supervised study programme is an initiative to help Year 12 students manage their GCSE to A Level transition effectively and ensure they are on the right note with their personal study from the outset. It provides a silent environment to work in without interruption.

Sixth Formers have access to the School Library containing a wide range of recommended reading, course texts, academic journals and newspapers to inform your studies. The librarian is on hand to help you with any queries.

### Guest Speakers

When students join St Aloysius' College Sixth Form we prepare them for their journey ahead. In less than two years time they will be living independent adult lives and need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to flourish in their next steps. We make great efforts to introduce these young people to global and national issues. With this in mind, guest speakers are invited in to present to the Sixth Form students in their professional area of expertise. The programme aims to stimulate students to consider intellectually challenging material and form opinions on topical issues. This also increases the capacity of students to absorb knowledge in a university style lecture.

### Senior Students

The Sixth Form sets the standard for the rest of the school. As role models you are looked up to by younger students who aspire to be like you. All students are expected to live up to this challenge, in terms of their approach to work, attitude, conduct and code of dress. Senior Students have a very high profile in the school; leading assemblies, organising events and performing duties around the school.

“The school's commitment to the common good is palpable. Staff nurture their pupils to develop and celebrate their gifts both as individuals and as part of the community.

Curriculum design is creative and engaging, topics are revisited leading to opportunities for pupils to progress to develop depth to their learning.

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## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE 6TH FORM

Students in the 6th form benefit from a wide range of personal development opportunities. All pupils have access to a careers advisor who helps to guide students to appropriate opportunities to secure their desired university or apprenticeship. Weekly breakfast talks take place on Friday mornings to give pupils insights into university and work life. Pupils also benefit from weekly timetabled enrichment activities which aid in developing their communication and teamwork skills.

All pupils have access to our outstanding extracurricular offer which includes over 30 clubs ranging from sports to creative media and debating. Students in year 12 also receive the opportunity of work experience where they can gain valuable knowledge and insight into the practical application of their studies. As a Catholic school we aim to develop our pupils God given talents to achieve their goals of higher education.

## FOOTBALL ACADEMY

St Aloysius FC are setting up a Football Academy from September 2022. This will give students access to high quality coaching, participation in local and national leagues, and the opportunity to gain accreditation in coaching and refereeing.



## BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Our Basketball Academy provides accessible pathways combining an academic education with professional basketball coaching. We support students in developing leadership skills, character and transferable life-skills through sports. We support our talented players to gain scholarships to basketball universities in the UK and USA

Our Academy squads are entered for Elite Academy Basketball Leagues, cups and regional championships, as well as having a formal link to the National League with Islington Panthers Basketball programme.





## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Pathway 1 Applicants

#### (3 A Levels)

We expect Pathway 1 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 5–9 with a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics and the relevant subject specific entry criteria.

### Pathway 2 Applicants

#### (BTEC Level 3 Course)

We expect Pathway 2 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 4–9 with a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics and the relevant subject specific entry criteria.

To study any Sciences ( Chemistry/Biology/Physics) you must have Grade 7s in those subjects and Combined Science pupils will need Grade 7-7.

As specified above, applicants need to meet the entry criteria for the subjects they are applying for:

SUBJECT (A LEVEL)	EXAM BOARD	SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Biology	AQA	Minimum grade 7 in Biology 6 in Maths
Business	AQA	Minimum grade 6 in Business 6 in English and Maths
Chemistry	AQA	Minimum grade 7 in Chemistry 6 in Maths
Economics	Edexcel	Minimum grade 6 in English 6 in Maths
English Language	AQA	Minimum grade 6 in both English Literature & Language
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Fine Art	OCR	Minimum grade 6 in Art (portfolio may be required)
French	Edexcel	Minimum grade 7 in French (unless native speaker)
Geography	AQA	Minimum 6 in Geography 6 in English and Maths
Politics	Edexcel	Minimum grade 6 in Maths and English or History
Graphics Communication	OCR	Minimum grade 6 in Art (or related subject such as Graphic Design)
History	OCR	Minimum grade 6 in History 6 English and Maths
Maths	Edexcel	Minimum grade 7 in Maths
PE	OCR	Minimum grade 6 in PE and minimum grade 6 in Biology
Philosophy & Ethics	OCR	Minimum grade 6 in RE 6 in English and Maths
Physics	AQA	Minimum grade 7 in Physics 6 in Maths
Psychology	AQA	Minimum grade 6 Psychology (if previously studied) 6 in English and Maths
Sociology	AQA	Minimum 6 in English 6 in another humanities subject
Spanish	AQA	Minimum grade 7 in Spanish

### BTEC Level 3 Courses (BTEC National Extended Diploma)

BTEC National Extended Diploma in Business      EITHER Merit BTEC Business OR Grade 5 GCSE Business (if studied)



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